

	1978 WARS	1985 Report to Congress	2003 evaluation
Natural Integrity – extent to which long-term ecological processes are intact and operating (1978).	<p>The <b>influence</b> on natural integrity was rated as very low (6 out of 7 – areas with highest numerical rating are the most natural). The presence of roads, facilities, trails, mineral development, recreation, and vegetative manipulation was noted. However the area which integrity is impacted was less than 1 percent, with a high feasibility of correction. Specific mention was made of the St. Clair and Clarence Creek timber sales, cabin near Wolverine Lakes, Patented mining claims, recreation around Wolverine and Blue Bird Lakes, Tramway to Independence mine (permitted not developed), and Stahl Peak Lookout.</p> <p>very low influence = <b>very high</b> natural integrity</p>	Overall, the natural integrity and appearance is <b>high</b> with the Stahl Peak lookout, Wolverine Cabin, and trails the only manmade features within the boundary.	<p>The natural integrity has not changed in the past two decades. Fire suppression tactics have not changed significantly.... Use of mechanized equipment ... is much more restrictive now than in 1977. All wildfires are suppressed and no prescribed burns have been conducted within the WSA. Noxious weed weeds... vary from light to moderate.</p> <p>No Change – <b>Very High</b></p>
Apparent Naturalness – environment looks natural to most people using the area (2003)	<p>The <b>influence</b> on apparent naturalness was rated as low (5 out of 7 – areas with highest numerical rating are the most natural). The area was appeared natural to most visitors, with low to moderate influence, expect for extreme vegetative manipulation.</p> <p>low influence = <b>high</b> apparent naturalness</p>		<p>Several structures exist within the WSA including lookout towers on Wam Peak and Stahl Peak. Poorman Mountain lookout was destroyed... cabin at Wolverine Lake. Campground (Both Therriault Lakes and Horse Camp) are outside of the WSA, and with exception of Horse Camp existed in 1977. There are 16 trails totaling 61 miles in the WSA routinely maintained.... All trails are closed to motorized vehicles except over the snow.</p> <p>The overall natural appearance has not changed since 1977 and the area still looks natural to most users except along the WSA boundary where road construction or timber harvest has occurred.</p> <p><b>No change High</b></p>
Opportunities for Solitude – isolation from sights, sounds, and presence of others and human developments.	<p>This opportunity was rated as <b>moderate</b> (no components rated in bottom category, none in top category). Components noted include: many permanent off site intrusions- roads and heavy logging to east and west, Graves Creek road and logging on south; moderate distance (1-3 miles) from perimeter to core; moderate vegetative screening; and high topographic screening.</p>	<p>Opportunities for solitude are <b>good</b> within the core of Ten lakes but range from <b>poor to moderate</b> in the remainder of the area. This is because of the open ridges that face out into developed areas which tend to detract from the opportunities for solitude.</p>	<p>The opportunity for solitude in the summer remains high for the area. Although the opportunity is reduced somewhat due to the increase in use, it is possible to recreate in the area without seeing another party. During the winter, the opportunity for solitude is still considered high although it has received a greater reduction since snowmobiles are still allowed in the WSA and snowmobile use has increased more than the other uses. Noise from motorized vehicles I more an issue in the winter than summer.</p> <p><b>High</b>, although increased use</p>

Opportunities for Primitive Recreation – sense of remoteness, closeness to nature (2003)	The opportunity was rated as <b>high</b> (three components rates in top category, non in bottom category). The area rated high potential for topographic screening, as noted as very diverse. Vegetative screening, challenge, and absence of facilities were rated as moderate potential. Distance from perimeter to core was rated as low potential. It was noted that Solitude was not good along high ridges and slopes facing the Tobacco Plains.	<b>Good</b> opportunities for primitive recreation exist such as hiking, camping, and wildlife observation. Challenging experiences include rock climbing and wildlife photography.	The opportunity for a primitive recreation experience is high for the entire Ten Lakes WSA during all four seasons and is basically unchanged since 1977. While use has increased, it is still possible to recreation in the WSA without seeing or hearing other people also recreation in the WSA. Primitive Recreation –  No Change <b>High</b>
Supplementary attributes	Ten Lakes was rated as <b>outstanding</b> for rare and endangered species and outstanding scenic values.	The area is part of the Whitefish Range of the Northern Continental Divide grizzly bear ecosystem. Other features include panoramic views of Glacier Park from the open ridges.	
Manageability and Boundaries	Not addressed	The MWSA area has a convoluted configuration which inhibits wilderness boundary management. This configuration results from heavily logged basins which creates a roadless area of exposed “fingers” extending into developed areas. The boundary lines are located, for the most part, on mid-slope contours which would be difficult to identify and administer. Opportunities for improving the boundary do exist and have been incorporated into the Final Proposed Action.	